

Lowest  
County Unemployment Rates

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| Quick Summary of Unemployment Rate:       |      |  |
| United States                             | 8.2% |  |
| State of Tennessee                        | 8.3% |  |
| City of Kingsport                         | 7.7% |  |
| Sullivan County                           | 7.0% |  |
| Hawkins County                            | 7.9% |  |
| Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA MSA              | 7.6% |  |
| Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA CSA | 7.6% |  |

| Rank | County         | Aug. pre.<br>Rate (%) |
|------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1    | Lincoln Co.    | 5.7                   |
| 2    | Williamson Co. | 5.9                   |
| 3    | Blount Co.     | 6.7                   |
| 4    | Knox Co.       | 6.7                   |
| 5    | Loudon Co.     | 6.8                   |
| 6    | Wilson Co.     | 6.9                   |
| 7    | Sullivan Co.   | 7.0                   |
| 8    | Rutherford Co. | 7.0                   |
| 9    | Sumner Co.     | 7.2                   |
| 10   | Washington Co. | 7.2                   |

| CITY OF KINGSPORT     | 2007         | 2011         | 2012   | Change (5 years) | Change (1 year) |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|------------------|-----------------|
| Unemployment Rate     | 4.8%         | 8.1%         | 7.7%   | 2.9%             | -0.4%           |
| Construction Value*** | \$88,560,394 | \$68,017,382 | #####  | -23.2%           | -22.7%          |
| Population**          | 44,758       | 48,205       | 50,851 | 7.7%             | 5.5%            |
| Labor Force           | 19,350       | 19,620       | 20,830 | 7.6%             | 6.2%            |
| Employed              | 18,420       | 18,030       | 19,220 | 4.3%             | 6.6%            |
| Unemployed            | 920          | 1,590        | 1,600  | 73.9%            | 0.6%            |

| Unemployment (sorted low to high)  | 2007 | 2011  | 2012  | Change (5 years) | Change (1 year) |
|--|------|-------|-------|------------------|-----------------|
| Morristown, City of  | 5.8% | 13.2% | 10.4% | 4.6%             | -2.8%           |
| Bristol (TN), City of  | 3.9% | 9.2%  | 6.5%  | 2.6%             | -2.7%           |
| Carter County  | 4.2% | 9.8%  | 8.2%  | 4.0%             | -1.6%           |
| Johnson City, City of  | 3.7% | 8.7%  | 7.2%  | 3.5%             | -1.5%           |
| Cleveland, City of   | 5.7% | 10.4% | 9.1%  | 3.4%             | -1.3%           |
| Greene County  | 5.7% | 12.3% | 11.0% | 5.3%             | -1.3%           |
| Tennessee, State of  | 4.6% | 9.6%  | 8.3%  | 3.7%             | -1.3%           |
| Washington County  | 3.6% | 8.3%  | 7.2%  | 3.6%             | -1.1%           |
| Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol CSA                                       | 3.8% | 8.7%  | 7.6%  | 3.8%             | -1.1%           |
| Maryville, City of   | 5.4% | 8.2%  | 7.2%  | 1.8%             | -1.0%           |
| Johnson City MSA   | 3.8% | 8.7%  | 7.7%  | 3.9%             | -1.0%           |
| Kingsport-Bristol MSA  | 3.8% | 8.6%  | 7.6%  | 3.8%             | -1.0%           |
| Sullivan County  | 3.5% | 8.0%  | 7.0%  | 3.5%             | -1.0%           |
| Hawkins County   | 3.8% | 8.8%  | 7.9%  | 4.1%             | -0.9%           |
| U.S. unemployment  | 4.1% | 9.1%  | 8.2%  | 4.1%             | -0.9%           |
| Oak Ridge, City of   | 3.4% | 8.7%  | 7.9%  | 4.5%             | -0.8%           |
| Green = Positive      Yellow = Cautiously Optimistic      Red = Negative |      |       |       |                  |                 |

\*\*Available in July of following year, estimated for current year  
\*\*\*As reported on Building Permits